

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Volunteer Newsletter

January 2015

What's New?

We would like to welcome our new SCA, Sara Prussing, who is going to be Howard's new assistant. She graduated from SUNY ESF in May with a degree in Conservation Biology and has never been to Utah before, so she's pretty excited to be here! Andrea Johnson will also be added back to join our team in visitor services.



Artist Spotlight

In the classrooms we have various pieces of beautiful art created by Clark Ostergaard. He is a native of Utah. He graduated with a BFA in Landscape Architecture from Utah State University in 1964. He studied art at Snow College, BYU and USU. He was employed by the US Forest Service and worked on the Uinta, Salmon, Challis, Tahoe and Wasatch-Cache National Forests. He retired in 1994. He has also served as one of our Junior Duck Stamp judges and has entered the Federal Duck Stamp contest for many years! Stop on by the classrooms and take a look at these really neat pieces of art!

Refuge Roundup

We had a very successful Owl Day, thanks to our many volunteers! Here's a shout out to Craig, Mindy, June, Dorothy, Peggy, and Les for helping us run all the activities! We appreciate you greatly! We had 382 visitors Saturday. The owl pellet dissection was very popular, as well as the Snow Owl pinecones and bookmarks! We had a very successful meet and greet with Ogden Nature Center who brought their two owls, a beautiful Great Horned and a Western Screech Owl! We are looking forward to Eagle Day on Valentine's Day, Saturday February 14th (10-3). Hope you can join us!



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

January 27th First Aid CPR (Tuesday 8-4)

January 28th Volunteer Recognition Day (Wednesday @ 11:30 a.m.)

February 14th Eagle Day (Saturday 10-3)

March 14th Swan Day (Saturday 10-3) If you would like to volunteer at any of these events please let

Jen Christopherson know via phone 435-734-6457 or by email: jwolf@bikerider.com

*** For the Volunteer Recognition Day please RSVP to Kathi Stopher 435-734-6438 or Kathi_Stopher@fws.gov



Mark Your Calendars!

January 19th: CLOSED! (Martin Luther King)

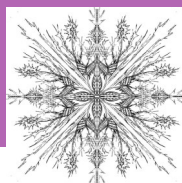
Creature Feature: Rough-legged Hawk

- ◆ The name "Rough-legged" Hawk refers to the feathered legs.
- ◆ The Rough-legged Hawk, the Ferruginous Hawk, and the Golden Eagle are the only American raptors to have legs feathered all the way to the toes
- ◆ Their wingspan can reach up to 52-54.3 inches (about 1 foot shorter than SCA Jen)
- ◆ They can weigh from 25.2-49.4 oz (that's like the weight of 5-7 bananas!)



A January Jolly to make you laugh!— Ode to the New Year

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house nothing would fit me, not even a blouse. The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste at the holiday parties had gone to my waist. When I got on the scales there arose such a number! When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber). I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared; The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared, the wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese and the way I'd never said, 'No thank you, please.' As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt and prepared once again to do battle with dirt - I said to myself, as I only can 'You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!' So - away with the last of the sour cream dip, get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip Every last bit of food that I like must be banished 'Till all the additional ounces have vanished. I won't have a cookie - not even a lick. I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick. I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry. I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore, but isn't that what January is for? Unable to giggle, no longer a riot. Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



A wonderful winter walk, right here!